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Re:    U.S. Divisional Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/245,025; Filed: February 5, 1999  
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            Nucleic Acid Molecules  
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Respectfully submitted,

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